



**VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK  
Village Commission Agenda Report  
REGULAR MEETING**

**#Item 15.a.6**

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the  
Biscayne Park Village Commission

**FROM:** Sharon P. Ragoonan, Village Manager

**DATE:** January 10, 2017

**TITLE:** Village Manager's Report: Police Department Progress Report

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**Recommendation**

The purpose of the memorandum is to provide the Mayor and Village Commission with a progress report and the accomplishments for the Police Department.

**Background**

First Quarter Statistics (October 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016):

**Calls For Service: 440**

- Fraud: 16
- Loitering & Prowling: 1
- No Valid Driver's License: 1
- Narcotics Complaint/Arrest: 2
- Attempted Burglary: 2
- Residential Burglary: 5
- Vehicle Burglary: 2 (Both left unlocked)
- Stolen Vehicle: 3 (One vehicle was left running with the doors unlocked and vehicle was recovered within the hour)
- Robbery: 1 (Domestic Related/Arrest Made)
- Battery: 2
- Assist Other Agency: 80
- Miscellaneous Non-Criminal Offense: 76
- Alarm: 67
- Sick/Injured Person: 33
- Suspicious Person/Vehicle: 75
- Citizen Assist: 13
- Noise Complaint: 21
- Dog Complaint (Barking/Loose/Lost/Found): 16
- Traffic Crash: 7
- Auto Repossession: 9

- Fire: 2
- Theft: 5 (Included is a report of campaign signs which were returned to owner)
- Criminal Mischief: 1 (Domestic Related)

**Arrests(Included in calls for service total): 7**

- Possession of Marijuana: 2
- Loitering and Prowling: 1
- Robbery: 1
- Grand Theft Auto: 1
- Burglary: 1
- Domestic Battery: 1

**Traffic:**

- Stops: 146
- Moving Violations: 17
- Non-moving Violation: 22
- Speed: 31
- Criminal Citations (Driving while license suspended/No Valid Driver's License): 11

**Significant Criminal Activity:**

- On 10/4/2016 in the 1000 block of NE 113<sup>th</sup> Street, a strong-arm robbery occurred. The event transpired between boyfriend and girlfriend in which one party forcefully removed cash from his partner's hand and battered her in the process before fleeing the area. Officers arrived on scene and were able to take the subject into custody almost immediately.
- On 11/29/2016 in the 1000 block of NE 117<sup>th</sup> Street, a residential burglary occurred. An anonymous caller advised of a suspicious person in the area running northbound from the area. An area canvass yielded negative results for the subject, but revealed a house that had been burglarized. Contact was made with the homeowner to alert them of the crime as well as North Miami Crime Scene Unit to process the scene.
- On 12/2/2016 in the 1000 block of NE 114<sup>th</sup> Street, a motor vehicle theft occurred. The driver of the vehicle left the vehicle unlocked and running while visiting a residence, at which point a juvenile entered the vehicle and fled the area. A short time later the vehicle crashed and the subjects were apprehended with the assistance of North Miami Police Department.

Special Detail – Traffic Enforcement: In an effort to combat the growing concern of speeding throughout the village as well as stop sign enforcement, officers have been deployed to several areas during peak times. The focused time frame for directed patrol were morning rush hour (7am-830am) and the evening rush hour(430pm-6pm). Officers have been instructed to vary their positioning to address concerns such as NE 6<sup>th</sup> Ave

and Griffing Blvd for transient traffic and NE 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Ave for traffic attempting to cut through to avoid congestion. These efforts have been met with difficulties in that calls for service take priority and therefore will draw officers away from their posting as well as multiple areas of concern being addressed by minimal staff. We continue to use our mobile speed trailers as a deterrent in our efforts to curb speeding as well, deploying them throughout the village to serve as a reminder for motorists.

Upcoming Projects:

- Review and update the Police Department Policy Manual, including the Field Training Officer Section, for distribution, training and accountability.
- Evaluate the Reserve Office Unit to improve recruitment efforts and budgetary needs.
- Solicit other agencies for donations of vehicles and bicycles to the Reserve Officer Unit.
- Improve statistical reports to improve communication with Village Officials and stakeholders.

**Resource Impact**

The resources that were used are budgeted line items. However the level of police services is impacted by the resignation of the police chief, absence of a police officer on paid suspension due to an open investigation, the loss of reserve officers to other agencies and changes in administration, and planned and unplanned absences by police personnel. As of writing this memorandum, the police captain tendered his resignation which further depletes the workforce and creates a void in the investigations division. The department strives to uphold its commitment to the community, and abide by the union contract, to make every attempt to assign at least two unit members to every shift, when possible. In furtherance of this objective, it will exert the same effort to assign a reserve police officer.

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